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Dear Chip:

Upon return from my recent trip I found your letter of 27 October on the subject of "Political Advisers" waiting for me.

I note that both Departments are now in agreement that no written "doctrine" of general application is practicable or necessary at this time to define the functions and status of a political adviser to a U.S. military commander in international commands or other U.S. commands abroad. I also agree that the mutual purposes of both Departments in these matters will best be served by a continuation of present practices and of the present case by case approach.

I appreciate receiving the latest thoughts of the State Department as outlined in the general considerations and working assumptions listed in your letter. Although I am not prepared to comment on this list of considerations at this time, I agree that our two offices should continue to keep in touch on political adviser questions as they arise.

Sincerely yours,

OSD & JCS review(s) completed.

/s/ Frank

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